GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PRICE OF CASHEW
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cashew price in the domestic market has increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure adequate availability of cashew in the domestic market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c). The domestic market prices of cashew are always higher than the export prices/international market prices. The current domestic market prices for cashew kernels, W320 grade at Kollam, Kerala is about Rs. 300 to Rs. 310 per kg. The main reason for increase in price of cashew kernels is the shortage of raw cashewnuts due to insufficient domestic production. To maintain the adequate availability, raw cashewnut is importing from African Countries and Indonesia.